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RE: US SN 09/762,643 Applicant: E. HELFTENBEIN
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MESSAGE:

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a response to the final Office action dated November 6, 2002. Please confirm receipt.
Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Kelman

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Response under 37 CFR 1.116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: ELKE HELFTENBEIN EXAMINER: ETHAN C. WHISENANT
SERIAL NO.: 09/762,643 GROUP: 1655
FILED: JANUARY 31, 2002
FOR: VESSEL FOR WITHDRAWING BLOOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

BOX AF
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office letter of November 6, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 22-24 and 27 without prejudice.